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SUBJECT: HOTEL BILLS INCURRED IN NADI FIJI BY DEPUTY
ROBINSON'S PARTY

REF: STATE 224356

1. BUDGET OFFICER TILLIE MILANICH DISCUSSED PAYMENT OF
SUBJECT BILLS WITH AIR NEW ZEALAND SALES MANAGER IN FIJI.
2. AIR NEW ZEALAND SAYS (AND THIS HAS BEEN EMBASSY UNDERSTANDING)
THAT ROBINSON PARTY WAS NOT BUMPED FROM AIR NEW ZEALAND FLIGHT
SINCE THEY WERE NEVER CONFIRMED BEYOND NADI. AIR NEW ZEALAND
GAVE PARTY FIRM BOOKING HONOLULU-NADI AND ATTEMPTED TO BE OF
ASSISTANCE IN FINDING ONWARD TRANSPORTATION FROM NADI. WHEN
IT BECAME CLEAR THAT THE PARTY WOULD BE DELAYED FOR AT LEAST
SOME HOURS IN NADI THEY CHECKED INTO HOTEL.
3. MISUNDERSTANDING MAY HAVE ARISEN FROM CONFUSION ON PART
OF HOTEL STAFF. BOTH AIR NEW ZEALAND AND PAN AMERICAN WERE
TRYING TO BE OF WHATEVER ASSISTANCE THEY COULD AND THE STAFF
OF THE HOTEL MIGHT HAVE ASSUMED MISTAKENLY THAT THIS MEANT
AIR NEW ZEALAND WOULD PAY HOTEL BILLS.
4. PLEASE ADVISE.
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